

Learn How Your Community Can Hold a War of 1812 Bicentennial Declaration of War Ceremony



The Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 invites you to organize a public ceremony on June 16, 17 or 18, 2012 to mark the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the declaration of war against Great Britain on June 18, 1812. By holding an event, your community can commemorate the bicentennial of the declaration of war that began the War of 1812 and preserved American independence.

Who?

The Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 encourages Michigan's citizens and elected community officials to hold a War of 1812 Bicentennial Declaration of War Ceremony in their communities.

What?

These events will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the declaration of war by the United States Congress against Great Britain on June 18, 1812.

When?

The commission encourages communities to hold their ceremonies as close to the 200th anniversary as possible, preferably June 16, 17 or 18, 2012.

Where?

The local sponsoring group is encouraged to select an appropriate public location such as the city hall, a park or a leading community organization's facility.

Why?

Public programs in communities throughout the state will help increase citizen awareness of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and will stimulate public discourse on the significance of this war in the creation of Michigan and the development of the United States.

How?

Please register your event with the commission using the ceremony registration form. This entitles you to use of the War of 1812 Commission logo and promotion of these events through the commissions media venues.

The following materials are available at www.michigan.gov/war1812 :

- Ceremony registration form
- Ceremony program (template)
- 15-star flag facts and flag protocol
- Key events of the War of 1812
- Declaration of war message by President James Madison



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You can also order a 15-star flag by logging on to <http://bit.ly/wJESMh> . The cost is \$9.95 plus shipping and handling. Please place your order no later than May 25, 2012 to ensure timely arrival of your flag.

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